THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM): The transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab and the transfer of some Hindi-speaking areas of Punjab to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh are to take i place simultaneously. The task of specifying the territories consisting of about 70, 000] acres to be transferred from Punjab *to*' Haryana, in lieu of Chandigarh, in terms of the recommendations made by the Justice Venkataramiah Commission, has been entrusted to Shri Justice D. A. Desai.

Communal Riots

986. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communal riots which took place in the country Statewise from January till October, 31, 1987;

tb) the number of persons killed/wounded in these riots;

(c) ihe lotal value of losses of property in these riots;

(d) the total compensation paid by Government to the victims of these riots; and

(e) the number of persons arrested and convicted therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) lo (e) On the basis of the available information, a statement showing the particulars of major communal riots which took place in the country from 1st January, 1987 to 31st October, 1987 has been prepared and annexed. *[See* Appendix CXLIV. Annexure No. 36].

Cases Paneling in Labour Courts

987. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending in the various Labour Courts from January. 1986 till October, 1987. Statewise;

(b) what arc the reasons theiefor; and

(O what are the details of the steps being taken by Government to clear the backlog ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The information relating to the industrial disputes pending before Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals in the States/Union Territories is not maintained. It is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Working Group on Industrial Relations constituted for the formulation of the 7th Five Year Plan had recommend ed norms for disposal of cases and estab lishments of new courts. As per these recommendations, norms for disposal for each Tribunal should be 10 contested cases and for each Labour Court 20 contested applications per month and the normal workload of an Industrial Tribunal should be 200 cases and of the Labour Court 800 applications. The Central Goveinment have recently set up an Industrial Tri bunal-cum-Labour Court in Bangalore in addition to ten such existing tribunals. The State Governments/Union Territories set up Industrial Tribunals/Labour Courts under the provision of Industrial Disputes Act for the State Sphere. The recom mendations of the Working Group were communicated to all the State Governments/Union Territories with the request that remedial action be taken to reduce the pendency of cases. They are addressed from time to time to review the position of cases and wherever necessary set up additional Tribunals Courts.

Export of Carpet Backing Cloth

988. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to slate:

(a) whether it has been brought to thc- notiee of Government that shippers of carpet backing cloth tCBCO) acting in leaque with *i* manufacturing jute mills registered snipments for latin Americar countries though they were intendeJ foi delivery to Savannah, a U. S. puri: